U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of CELESTE J. WALTER and DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, El Monte, CA

Docket No. 00-774; Submitted on the Record; Issued April 16, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant established that she sustained a low back condition causally related to her accepted employment injury of October 9, 1997.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated and finalized on October 5, 1999, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

Accordingly, the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated October 5, 1999 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC April 16, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member